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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN BACK-ILLUMINATED SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE	

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated December 20, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1 and 84. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is $500.00. PTO Form 2038 is enclosed to cover the required fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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